Petitions in the High Courts of Karnataka, U.P. and Gujarat. Action is being taken to obtain an early decision of the Courts. Pending final decision by the Courts, medicinal kits have not been provided to the VHGs. The entire Scheme will be reviewed after the decision of the Courts is known.

Rise in charges of beverages meals by the Railways

*276. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the rise in the charges for beverages and meals served in the railway station refreshment rooms and in trains during the last three years and in the current financial year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The charge for tea and coffee and of standard meals are uniformly applicable on all Zonal Railways. Revisions made in prices of these items after 1-1-84 are indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) *Tea and Coffee*	Price on 1-1-84		Price as revised from 15-10-87	
	Rs.		Rs.	
Tea in cups (150 ml)				
Refreshment Rooms/trains	0.50		1.00	
Tea in pots/flasks (285 ml)				
Refreshment Rooms/Trains	1.25 1.35	Plus Sales Tax.	2.00 2.00	Including Sales Tax.
Coffee in cups (150 *ml*)				
Refreshment Rooms/trains	0.75		1.25	
Coffee in pots/flasks (285 ml)				
Refreshment Rooms/Trains	1.50 1.60	Plus Sales Tax.	2.50 2.50	Including Sales Tax.

(b) *Standard Thali Meals*

Vegetarian

	Price on 1-1-84 (fixed on 1-11-81)		Price revised from 15-6-85		Price revised from 15-10-87	
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Refreshment Rooms/Trains	3.50 4.00	Plus Salex Tax.	4.50 5.00	Plus Sales Tax.	7.00 7.00	Including Sales Tax.
Non-vegetarian						
Refreshment Rooms/Trains	4.50 5.00	Plus Sales Tax.	6.00 6.50	Plus Sales Tax.	9.00 9.00	Including Sales Tax.

(c) *Janata Khana Packets*

	Price on 1-1-84 (fixed on 15-11-82)	Price as revised from 15-10-87
	Rs.	Rs.
Refreshment Rooms/Trains	1.50	2.00

(b) Casserole Meals

Standard meals in casseroles were for the first time introduced on 1.6.85. The price thereof has been increased only once with effect from 15.10.87, as under:—

	Price on 1-6-85		Price as revised from 15-10-87	
	Rs.		Rs.	
Standard vegetarian casserole meals				
Refreshment Rooms/trains	6.00	Plus Sales Tax	7.00	Including Sales Tax.
Standard non-vegetarian casserole meals				
Refreshment Rooms/trains	7.00	Plus Sales Tax.	9.00	Including Sales Tax.
Special non Vegetarian Casserole meals . .	13.00	Plus Sales Tax.	15.00	Including Sales Tax.
Economy meals				
1 Puri/Aloo	2.00	Plus	3.00	Including
2 Idli-Vada/Stuffed Puri	2.50	Sales	3.00	Sales
3 Veg. Pulao/Sambhar bhat/curd bhat . .	3.00	Tax.	4.00	Tax.

NOTE: The price of drinks like aerated water, juices, milk, lassi, instant coffee, etc. are fixed by each Zonal Railway, and vary from place to place depending upon local market prices.

Commercial marketing by Pawan Hans

*277. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pawan Hans has made any advances planning for using its helicopters;

(b) whether any commercial marketing is being done by Pawan Hans; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Pawan Hans is having problems with the engine used for Westland helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some problems have been encountered.

International Commission on the Health Research of the Third World

*278. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a new independent International Commission on health research is being form-